

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVATION TO SCs/STs/OBCs IN DEFENCE SERVICES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give reservation to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward classes in the defence services;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Recruitment in the Armed Forces is based on merit and is open to every citizen of the country including Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Class candidates without any discrimination on the basis of their caste, creed, religion or region.